

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
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wn Lexington
dress 17 Winthrop Road
storic Name Walter Wheeler Rowse
House

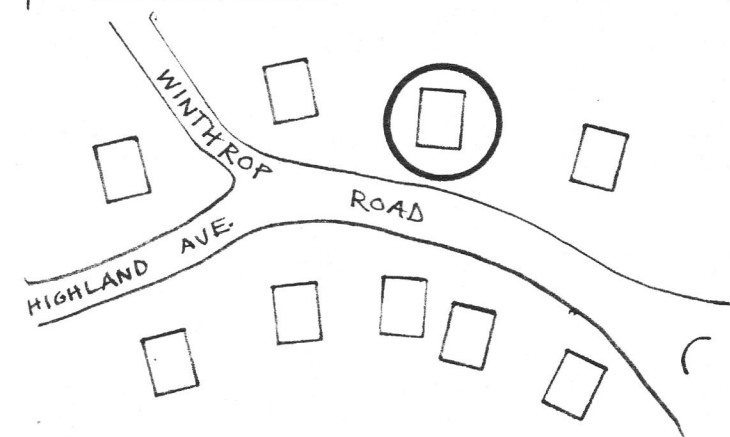
e: Present residential
Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

ite between 1894 and 1898 1895
Source newspaper, map research Nov. 29, 1895

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Style Shingle Style
Builder Hawkins + Mitchell
Architect

Exterior wall fabric shingles

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage 24834 ft.²

Setting Residential street of substantial turn of the twentieth century houses.

Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

One of the first houses to be built on the street, this is a well-preserved example of late-nineteenth-century picturesque architecture typical of a number of areas of Lexington. Features include/a shaped triple window in the gable with columns, angled window at the corner with scrolled frieze and drop above, palladian window and deep console brackets on the overhanging portion of the gable.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The house was built by Walter W. Rowse, who was in the dye stuffs and chemicals business in Boston.

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1898 atlas

1899 Directory

1906 Directory

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
17 WINTHROP ROAD

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

On November 29, 1895 the *Lexington Minute-man* announced the construction of this house:

The frame work has already been put in place for a new house building on the upper rise of the street on the right hand side, the owner of which is Mr. Walter Rowse, of Chelsea. The estimated value of the hosue is \$4,000, and Hawkins & Mitchell the builders.

The house was apparently being constructed in anticipation of Rowse's upcoming nuptials to Ada Holt which were held in June 1896. Walter and Ada Holt were still living here in 1942.

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Lexington directories, various dates.
Lexington Minute-Man, November 29, 1895.

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